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TO: File

FROM: Joelle Burns, Engineering Tech 

RE: Status Report of the Lady Ann Company, Blue Cap Mine, S/037/066, San Juan County, Utah

I received a phone call today from Dana Knox of the Colorado BLM office (303) 249-6047. She was inquiring as to the status of the Blue Cap Mine which is located near the Utah-Colorado border. According to Dana there are severe erosion problems associated with this mine and the adjacent mines located on the Colorado side; the Blackhat and the St. Patrick. I told Dana that we could not be involved with the Colorado sites, only the one in Utah. She said that they were all three operated by the same company, the Lady Ann Company, so they all had to be addressed as one problem. She said the Blue Cap had a lot of erosion and the road had been washed out. A lot of sediment from the Blue Cap had washed into the road clogging it.

Dana (she goes by Danny) told me that the Blackhat is on the CERCLA listing. She said this Lady Ann Company Project is the worst case in Colorado, because of all the springs involved around the area. There is water running from the mine and running into drainages, and eventually ending up in the Dolores then Colorado River. The BLM has tried to work with the county and have had no response or cooperation from them. They have worked with John Davis, Hazemat Coordinator (303) 249-7791, extension 7244. Mike Moore of B Mining Company is the operator at the St. Patrick Mine. Mr. Moore's phone number is (303) 864-7814. Mr. Moore is working on a storm water report that has been requested by the BLM. *note: why is the Lady Ann Company involved if another mining company is operating the St. Patrick?

Danny told me that Tom Schriener of the Colorado Division of Mined Lands; has been involved with the project. His phone number is (303) 866-3567. Mr. Schriener took a cat in and did a lot of berming and other work in order to get equipment up to the mine. (I don't recall which mine she told me the berming was done on).

Pete Kilburn of the Manti LaSal National Forest prepared a huge document which was initially made for an EPA study. According to Danny, the document is very



cumbersome to read and get through. It is written in a format that is hard to follow and jumps around a lot. Mr. Kilburn informed the BLM that the only thing involved on USFS lands was an air vent on the Blackhat. Mr. Kilburn's phone is (801) 637-2817. I requested Danny to forward a copy of the USFS report to us. She said it would be best to call Mr. Kilburn to get a copy, as they only got bits and pieces of the report themselves.

I told Ms. Knox that our staff will be doing an inspection on this site in the very near future and that we would contact Sal Venticinque of the BLM to schedule a joint inspection. Danny asked us to please contact Tom Schriener and allow him to also join DOGM on the inspection.

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cc: Minerals Staff
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